

April 18, 2011

The Life of Floyd W. Mertz

- The memorial service for Floyd W. Mertz of Hecla, SD, will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, Hecla, SD, with Pastor Nancy Manning officiating. A private burial will be held at North Detroit Township Cemetery near Hecla, SD.

- Floyd William Mertz, son of Linus and Hilda (Bartholome) Mertz was born June 8, 1917 near Houghton, South Dakota, where he grew up and attended the rural Mertz School. He finished school through the eighth grade, and then helped out



on the family farm before moving to Minnesota, where he also worked on farms. In May of 1942, Floyd enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served his country until December of 1945. He was united in marriage to Delores Dahms on September 25, 1943 at Spokane, Washington. After Floyd's discharge, the couple moved to South Dakota, where Floyd spent his entire life farming. In 1996, they moved to Hecla and Floyd spent many enjoyable hours in his shop doing woodworking.

- He was a member of the Masons and the Shriners. He was also a member of the Stanley-Stearns American Legion Post #68 in Hecla, and was Commander at one time. Floyd attended the Hecla United Methodist Church.

- Floyd died on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the Golden Living Care Center, Groton, South Dakota. He was 93 years old.

- He is survived by his wife Delores; four children, Jim (Kayla) Mertz, Norfolk, NE, Tom (Coleen) Mertz, Galva, IL, Penny Jo Pahlke, Scottsbluff, NE, and Tim (Julie) Mertz, Chamberlain, SD; thirteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Floyd is also survived by a brother, Bruce Mertz, Concord, CA; and three sisters, Helen Spencer, Aberdeen, SD, Thelma Lindeman, Redwood Falls, MN, and Jean Groberg, Redwood City, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Donald and Howard, and three sisters, Verna, Joyce, and Dorothy.